President.—What Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar asks is, is there a re-measurement after the sawing is over.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the permits given to this sawn timber, which measurement is taken? Is it the measurement before sawing or after sawing?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In the first pass the measurement before sawing is noted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many kinds of permits are issued?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Two kinds of permits are issued.

President.—So, for the pass issued for sawn timber, I think you will have to re-measure.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, Sir. There is re-measurement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Supposing there are defects in the logs after sawing, will they allow any concession for that?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

President.—He takes the risk. Is that not so?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether sawing will be allowed to the contractor? Is it a condition for tenders, and if so, why was it not shown, Sir?

President.—What is the object of showing that?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is because people may know that they can saw in the place, and because it is not allowed generally.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I cannot give an answer to a negative point.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is sawing on the spot allowed to all?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It is not a general rule. After the acceptance of tenders, if they apply for permission for sawing on the spot, they will be allowed.

President.—Sawing is not allowed as a matter of course. It will be allowed, and sometimes it will be refused.

Stamped and unstamped teak logs at Parakkadavu.

162. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Mr. T. Narayana Menon, Divisional Forest Officer, accompanied by forester Mr. K. Achyuta Menon visited the Vilikkamukku Estate for stamping logs, etc., in Chingam 1101;

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(b) whether on his return he discovered unstamped teak logs mixed with stamped ones at Parakkadavu ;

(c) who was the owner of the stamped logs ;

(d) was any statement recorded about the unstamped logs; if so, what is it ;

(e) was any explanation taken from the Plantation Ranger in the matter ; if so, what is it ;

(f) what are the remarks offered on the explanation by the Divisional Officer ;

(g) how was this matter closed ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c), (d), (e,, (f) and (g). No answer is required in view of the reply to part (b).

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Did not Mr. T. Narayana Menon, Divisional Forest Officer, discover unstamped logs at Parakkadavu on his way back?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was there any report on that matter to the Conservator?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I want notice.

Ferry over the Korayar river.

163. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) if they still have a paid servant to look after the boat stationed at the Eruttempadi crossing of the Korayar river ;

(2) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the constructions made for the ferry system had been destroyed by flood, and that the boat now lies in the middle of the river away from the shed put for its habitation ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) The boat was sold in auction.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know the loss incurred by the Government by this transaction?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About Rs. 350 is the total cost of the work.

President.—Wat was the value of the boat?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About Rs. 180.

President.—For what value was it sold?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It did not fetch any big price.

President.—It must have been sold for 5 or 10 Rs. less. For, at auctions we realise only a very low price.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What I want to bring out is there was no use by the boat and that the amount was wasted ; that is all.

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